

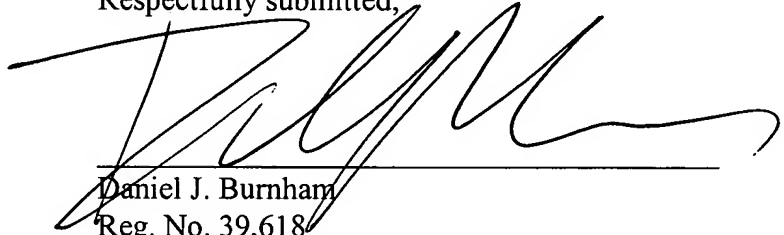
REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1, 11, 12, 21, 26 and 31 have been amended.

Applicants have reviewed the Advisory Action dated September 23, 2004. Applicants have chosen to amend the independent claims in a manner that should clarify the claimed invention. Applicants incorporate all of their arguments set forth in the Reply to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these arguments in light of the present amendments, as the Applicants believe the claims are allowable over the previously cited prior art.

If any matters may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number shown.

Respectfully submitted,



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